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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Guiding us into the Next Century

Hello and welcome to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore! This summer I begin as the new Superintendent for the Lakeshore. My family fell in love with the Lakeshore while on vacation a few years ago, and we hope you find your inspiration here as well. Every national park site has something special that makes it unique; my family and I are excited to be moving to what has been called the “most beautiful place in America.”

This year is an especially exciting time for all of the employees and volunteers of Sleeping Bear Dunes and for everyone who loves our national parks! 2016 marks the 100th year the National Park Service has been caring for these special places. To celebrate this



Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent Scott Tucker

Centennial, we are offering imaginative new programs that we hope will inspire a new generation of visitors to connect with their national parks—and share their experiences with others.

At Sleeping Bear Dunes, there will be a **Find Your Park** concert series with musicians whose work is inspired by this and other national parks, highlighted by performances of the NPS Centennial Band from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, with guest Junior Ranger children’s musician, Ranger Jeff Wolin! We are also hosting **Instameets** for Instagrammers, an **Astronomy Fest**, and a **Research Rendezvous** speakers series of scientists sharing their work in the park. Our annual cultural event, the **Port Oneida Fair**, will feature surprises from 1916, the year the NPS was founded. Check out the back page of this guide for Centennial event dates. We are continuing to plan additional activities, so stop at the visitor center or ask a ranger for details.

So many Americans love their parks, but there are even more who have not yet realized what the parks may hold for them. Our national parks hold our stories as a people; our most beautiful places; our collective history. National parks embody American values and are the places of our proudest moments, and our most shameful; our most joyous, and our most painful. The Centennial is the perfect time to connect with these amazing places that belong to you! I am proud to invite you to explore Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

There are now 411 national park sites, and each one tells a unique story and provides an unforgettable experience. So get up. Get out there. And **Find Your Park!**

Philip Hart Visitor Center

Open year-round. Let park rangers help you plan your visit. Purchase a park pass here. Assistive listening devices are available. Exhibits provide information on geology, ecology, and human stories. *Dreams of the Sleeping Bear*, a free 15-minute multimedia program with closed captioning, highlights the Lakeshore's scenery, seasons, and history. Bookstore purchases (books, games, posters, postcards, shirts, hats, patches, and more) support the park.

Memorial Day to Labor Day: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Labor Day to Memorial Day: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

Located on M-72 at 9922 Front Street, Empire, Michigan
231-326-4700

National Park Entrance Passes

A park entrance pass is required whenever and wherever you venture into Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and must be displayed on the driver's side of your vehicle windshield or dashboard. When you park outside of the Lakeshore boundary and enter on foot or bicycle, carry your pass. Purchase a pass year round at the visitor center or Platte Point fee machine. During the summer, you can also purchase a pass during regular hours of operation at campground offices, Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, Dune Climb, or at Leland Harbor. Seven-day passes may also be purchased May through November at the self-pay fee canisters at the Platte River Picnic Area, Maritime Museum, and at road-end beaches: Peterson, Esch, North Bar Lake, County Road 669, and County Road 651.

For more information or to purchase passes visit nps.gov/slbe, store.usgs.gov/pass, or pay.gov.

Park Entrance Pass - \$15.00 per private vehicle
Valid for 7 days from date of issue.

Annual Park Entrance Pass - \$30.00
Valid for 12 months from month of issue.
When purchased at an Automated Pay Station, please exchange the receipt for the Annual Park Pass card at any staffed fee collection station.

Per Person Fee - \$7.00 per person
Valid for 7 days from date of issue.
For individuals 16 years of age or older who enter the park by foot, bicycle, or as part of an organized group (each member) not involved in a commercial tour.

Motorcycle Entrance Pass - \$10.00 per motorcycle
Valid for 7 days from date of issue.

Interagency passes

America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass
The \$80 Interagency Annual Pass provides entrance or access to the pass holder and accompanying passengers in a single, private non-commercial vehicle at most federal recreation sites across the country.

Interagency Senior Pass
The \$10 Interagency Senior Pass (62 and older) is a lifetime pass available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Pass is available only in-person at entrances or visitor centers..

Interagency Access Pass
Free lifetime pass available to citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have been determined to be blind or permanently disabled. Pass is available only in-person at entrances or visitor centers.

Military Annual Pass
A free annual pass for active duty military personnel and dependents with proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173). Pass must be issued in person. Learn more about the Military Pass at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/military.html>

Commercial Visitors

Commercial bus tours are subject to a separate fee schedule based upon the seating capacity of the bus.

Vehicle	Capacity	Fee
Sedans	1-6	\$25 +\$7/person <i>(not to exceed \$40)</i>
Van	7-15	\$40
Minibus	16-25	\$40
Motorcoach	26+	\$100

School Groups

An Academic Fee Waiver is available for educational groups that apply prior to their visit to the park. Call 231-326-4730, or visit the website: www.nps.gov/slbe.

Passes are good for entry into all areas of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Passes are non-transferable and generally non-refundable. Show the pass to rangers at entrance stations at the Dune Climb and Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive or place your pass on your vehicle dashboard if you park within the Lakeshore. If you park outside the Lakeshore boundary (see park map) and enter the Lakeshore on foot or riding a bicycle, carry your pass with you.

PLEASE NOTE - FAILURE TO OBTAIN A PARK PASS MAY RESULT IN A FINE.

Listening Assistance Available



Do you have trouble hearing information at ranger programs because of competing sounds?

Try out the FM wireless listening system available for your use at the Lakeshore. The equipment amplifies the sound of a ranger's voice, which you hear through a headset, neck loop, or earbuds. Use the wireless system for a ranger-led hike or

evening program, available at the visitor center in Empire, the campground offices, or the General Store in Glen Haven. A listening system is also available for the multimedia program at the visitor center.

Visitors wishing to use the equipment are encouraged to call ahead and arrive early.



Local Information

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
231-326-4700
www.nps.gov/slbe

Benzie County Chamber of Commerce
231-882-5801
www.benzie.org

Benzie County Visitors Bureau
231-882-5801
<http://www.visitbenzie.com>

Empire Chamber of Commerce
www.empirechamber.com

Frankfort Chamber of Commerce
231-352-7251
www.frankfort-elberta.com

Glen Lake Chamber of Commerce
231-334-3238
www.visitglenarbor.com

Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
231-994-2202
www.leelanauchamber.com

Sleeping Bear Dunes Visitors Bureau
888-334-8499
www.sleepingbeardunes.com

Traverse City Chamber of Commerce
231-947-5075
www.tcchamber.org

Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau
800-872-8377
www.traversecity.com

Fee-free days

The National Park Service is offering entrance fee-free days (camping and other fees still in effect). Come to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (or any national park) on one of these days, and enjoy the sun, sand, and history for free.

April 16-24, 2016 *National Park Week*
August 25-28, 2016 *NPS Birthday Weekend*
September 24, 2016 *National Public Lands Day*
November 11, 2016 *Veterans Day*
January 16, 2017 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Making the Most of Your Visit

If you have less than 3 hours, try these

Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive

This driving loop overlooks some of the Lakeshore's most unique scenery. Open May until Veteran's Day depending on the weather. Details on page 14.

M-109, 3 miles north of Empire

Length: 7.5 miles, 90 minutes

Dune Climb

No visit would be complete without climbing this 110-foot high sand dune. Take water, sunscreen, and good footwear. Great for kids! See page 11 for trail info to Lake Michigan from the top of the Dune Climb. (It's a 3-mile-plus hike!) Stop in the air-conditioned Dune Center for nature guides, pins, T-shirts, hats, hiking sticks, and more. The Dune Center is open in June on Fri, Sat, Sun 12-5, and daily 12-5 July 1-Labor Day.

M-109, 6 miles north of Empire

Length: 30 minutes

Explore Glen Haven

This steamship stop on Sleeping Bear Bay dates back to the turn of the 20th century. Visit the Blacksmith Shop, General Store and D. H. Day Exhibit, and Cannery Boat Exhibit. The Maritime Museum tells the stories of the U. S. Life-Saving Service in a fully restored station.

Heroes of the Storm shipwreck rescue demonstration daily at 3:00 p.m. (seasonal). **Great for kids!** Details on page 12.

M-209, 7 miles north of Empire

Length: 0.5-3 hours

Loon Lake

Have a picnic on the shore of one of the park's tranquil inland lakes. A big lake with a sandy bottom, Loon Lake is good for fishing from the boat ramp or your boat.

M-22 just south of where M-22 crosses the Platte River

Length: 0.5-3 hours

More than 3 hours, add these

The Platte and Crystal Rivers

Canoe, kayak, or float these calm rivers. Rent equipment near either launch site if you don't have your own. **Great for kids!**

Platte River: M-22 to Lake Michigan Rd., 10 miles south of Empire

Crystal River: M-22 north of Glen Arbor

Length: 2-3 hours

Sleeping Bear Point Trail (#9)

A short hike along a portion of this trail offers a panoramic view of the shoreline, dunes, and islands. Follow the blue-tipped posts to the beach, and return along the same route. For a longer hike, complete the entire loop through a ghost forest, over dunes, and back through the woods. Take water, sunscreen, and good footwear. Details on page 11.

M-209, 8 miles north of Empire

Length: to beach, 1.4 miles, 60 minutes

Round trip: 2.8 miles, 2-3 hours

Port Oneida Historic Farm Tour

Feel a century slip away in the largest historic agricultural landscape in all of the national parks. Bicycle or drive the back roads to old farmsteads, fields, orchards, and cemeteries. Stop in at the historic Olsen Farmhouse—office of Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear to see exhibits about this amazing cultural landscape. Purchase a driving tour brochure at the visitor center.

M-22, 3 miles north of Glen Arbor

Length: 1-2 hours



Ranger Programs

Paddle a river. Hike over a dune. Bike through historic farmsteads. Explore glacial remains. Experienced rangers lead these free activities and more. For locations and topics, pick up a program schedule at the visitor center, campground offices, or entrance stations.

Length: 0.5-3 hours

Empire Bluff Trail (#3)

Traversing through a beech-maple forest, this up- and downhill-trail leads to an overlook of Lake Michigan and the dunes. Details on page 9.

M-22 to Wilco Rd., 1.6 miles south of Empire

Length: 1.5 miles, 1 hour

Alligator Hill Trail (#10)

Winding through a beech-maple forest, various loops on this trail lead to an overlook of Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands. The intermediate loop is closed. Details on page 11.

6 miles north of Empire off Stocking Rd.

Length: 3-8 miles, 2-4 hours

Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail (#8)

Hike, bike, run, rollerblade, or ski some or all of this almost 22-mile hard-surfaced trail. From the Dune Climb, the trail winds north through Glen Haven and the back loop of D. H. Day Campground into Glen Arbor and on to the schoolhouse in Port Oneida. From the Dune Climb south, the trail winds south through forests to the village of Empire.

Details on pages 11 and 18.

Park your car at one of the trailheads: Bar Lake Rd, Pierce Stocking, Dune Climb, Glen Haven, Alligator Hill, Crystal River, Bay View, or Port Oneida.

Length: 14 miles, one way, 1.5 hours by bike



A full day? Visit South Manitou Island

Tour the Lighthouse

Learn about the history of the South Manitou Island Lighthouse and U.S. Life-Saving Station. Climb the 100-foot tall tower for sweeping views of the Manitou Passage.

The lighthouse is 0.3 miles from dock

Length: 30 minutes

Giant Cedars and Shipwreck Hike

Hidden on the island's southwest corner, a stand of old-growth white cedar trees—called the Valley of the Giants—escaped the lumbermen.

Nearby, view the shipwrecked Liberian freighter the *Francisco Morazan*, which ran aground in 1960.

Begins and ends in the village

Length: 7 miles round trip, 3-4 hours

Motorized Island Tours

Manitou Island Transit offers two open-air tours for island visitors.

You may explore the history of the old schoolhouse, cemetery, lake, and farms, or visit the giant cedars and view the shipwreck.

For costs and reservations, call 231-256 9061.

Begins in the village after ferry arrives at South Manitou Island

Length: 2 hours

Ferry information:

231-256-9061

www.manitoutransit.com

The ferry leaves on schedule—don't be late!



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Photo: Mark Lindsay



Chipmunks, Raccoons, and Bears, Oh My!

National Parks are wonderful places to see a great variety of wildlife. But we need your help to keep the wildlife truly wild and healthy by making sure you store your food properly. Although seldom seen here, bears are especially curious and can smell food and beverages in sealed containers. Please store all food properly.

To animals, “food” includes all food, trash, beverages, and anything with a scent, including toiletries, lotions, toothpaste, soaps, insect repellent, pet food, medicine, perfume, gum, candy, empty food or beverage containers, tobacco products, dirty dishes, scented tissues, etc.



Store your food carefully when camping

- Store all food, drinks, trash, and scented items in animal-proof food storage boxes or your vehicle trunk, with vehicle doors closed at all times.
- Never store food, drinks, trash, or scented items in your tent.
- Do not dispose of food or trash in fire rings.
- Do not leave food unattended, even for a few minutes.

Never leave your food unattended when hiking or picnicking

Help Us Recycle

Please place your clean and empty plastic, metal, paper, and glass waste in recycling containers and any garbage or contaminated materials in neighboring trash cans. With your help, we will exceed our 2016 goal of keeping 50% of our waste out of landfills!

Firewood

We all love to sit around a warm, crackling campfire, but, did you know firewood is known to harbor harmful insect and disease pests which can destroy forests? In order to protect our beautiful forests from succumbing to these non-native pests, campers in the National Lakeshore may only use firewood purchased from vendors approved by the National Lakeshore.

Help us protect the forest by leaving your firewood at home! Unapproved firewood may not be used in the campgrounds.

You may purchase approved firewood from firewood vending machines located in both campgrounds or from local firewood vendors. Manufactured logs for campfires are also acceptable.

Approved firewood is available from the following vendors as of April 19 2016 (check www.nps.gov/slbe for an updated list):

Vending machines in the campgrounds
Anderson’s Market, Glen Arbor
Deering’s Market, Empire
Eagle Country Builders, Honor
Empire E-Z Mart, Empire
Honor Family Market, Honor
Honor Trading Post, Honor
Lake Ann Hardwoods, Lake Ann
Merrill’s Water-Powered Sawmill, Benzonia
Northwoods Hardware, Glen Arbor
Phil Gunther, Beulah
R & R Contracting, Empire
Riverside Canoe Trips, Honor
Tag Limit Outdoors, Inc., Honor
Manufactured logs for campfires are also acceptable.

Don’t get ticked!

Protect yourself from tick bites

Avoid ticks by walking in the center of trails and avoiding contact with vegetation. Use a repellent (on skin or clothing) and wear close-toed shoes, long sleeves, long pants, and socks. Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to easily spot ticks.

Check your clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks. Avoid sitting directly on the ground, fallen logs, or stone walls.

After being outdoors

Check your body for ticks after being outdoors, and remove any tick you find.

Check your clothing for ticks. Place clothes into a dryer on high heat for at least an hour.

Shower soon after being outdoors; it may reduce your risk of being bitten.

Check these parts of your body and your child’s body for ticks:

Under the arms	Back of the knees
In and around the ears	In and around hair
Inside belly button	Between the legs
	Around the waist

Don’t forget to check your pets!

If you are bitten by a tick

Remove an attached tick as soon as you notice it. Using fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible, and then slowly, but firmly, pull it straight out. Immediately wash the bite area and your hands with soap and water, then apply an antiseptic to the bite wound.

Watch for signs of illness.

Poison ivy: Leaves of three, leave them be!

Poison ivy grows plentifully in many areas of the Lakeshore as a vine or a low shrub. The leaves are red in early spring, shiny green in summer, and an attractive red or orange in the fall. Each leaf consists of three leaflets. Most people are sensitive in varying degrees to the sap of this plant, which makes skin itch, blister, and swell.

Avoid contact with all parts of the plant. Avoid plants with three leaflets.

If exposed, wash the affected skin with soap and water as soon as possible.



Camping

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore offers camping for everyone. The Platte River Campground is equipped with modern facilities, tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and paved parking pads at each site.

D. H. Day Campground is a popular, rustic campground with wooded campsites. Located less than a 5 minute walk from a Lake Michigan beach, the campground sites have tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and parking areas.

Backcountry camping is available on the mainland at White Pine, on South Manitou Island at Bay, Weather Station, and Popple Campgrounds (0.5, 1.5, and 3.5 miles from the dock), and on North Manitou Island at the Village Campground and dispersed around the island. A backcountry camping permit is required in addition to a park entrance pass. Obtain a pass and permit at the visitor center, campground offices, or Leland dock.

2016 Camping Rates

	Reservations	Modern restrooms	Vault toilets	Backcountry sites	Tent sites	Group camping	RV sites	Potable water	Shower	Listening system	Swimming beach	Camping fees
	R	H	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	\$ per night / per site
D. H. Day Campground		•		•	•			N	•	•	•	\$16 (6 people per site max)
D. H. Day Group Campground	•			•	•		•		•			\$40 reservations required (25 people per site max)
Platte River Campground	•	•	•		•		•	E	•	•	•	\$22 \$27 w/ elec. \$18 walk-in site (6 people per site max) \$50 group site reservations required (25 people per site max)
White Pine				•		•						\$10 (4 people, two tents per site)
South Manitou Island	G	•	R	•		•	•		W			\$10 (4 people, two tents per site) \$30 group site reservations required (20 people max)
North Manitou Island		•		•		•	•		W			\$10 (4 people, two tents per site) \$20 group site (10 people max)

E Sites with electricity are available
G Reservations required for group campsites
R Restrooms only available in the village.

W Potable water available only at village
N No electricity at sites; generator use permitted from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at sites 1-31



Leave No Trace

- Plan ahead and prepare**
Prepare for extreme weather and emergencies. Bring food and water. Don't forget your park pass!
- Camp and travel on durable surfaces**
Stay on established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of waste properly**
Pack it in, pack it out.
- Leave what you find**
Preserve the past and leave rocks, plants and other items as you find them for others to discover.
- Minimize campfire impacts**
Use established fire rings. Keep fires small. Burn wood to ash. Put all fires out completely.
- Respect wildlife**
Observe wildlife from a distance. Never feed animals. Store food properly.
- Be considerate of other visitors**
Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Let nature's sounds prevail.



www.LNT.org

Reservations




To make reservations, visit <http://www.recreation.gov>, the park website at www.nps.gov/slbe, or phone 1-877-444-6777. Reservations for Platte River campsites from May 15 - October 15 are accepted six months in advance. For group sites from May through October 15, reservations are accepted one year in advance. Reserve early!

Please Note: Senior and Access Pass holders with ID pay half price for campsites at D. H. Day Campground and Platte River Campground. This includes campsites reserved through the National Recreational Reservation Service (NRRS). The discount does not apply for group campsites or electricity.

Platte River District



Platte River District Trail Guide

TRAIL	ROUND TRIP	DESCRIPTION
Old Indian Trail 1	2.5 mi 	Easy hike, easy to advanced ski - Two fairly flat loops begin in a mixed evergreen and hardwood forest and wind through low dunes to the Lake Michigan shore. <i>Trailhead: off M-22, north of Sutter Rd.</i>
Platte Plains Trail 2	3.5 - 14.7 mi 	Watch for junctions. <i>There are multiple trailheads (Otter Creek, Esch Rd., Trails End Rd., off M-22 (winter only), & Platte River Campground).</i> Bass Lake Loop (3.5 mi): Easy hike and ski - Winds around Bass and Deer Lakes. Some sections follow a two-track road. Otter Creek Loop (4.6 mi): Easy hike and ski - Follows Otter Creek and Otter Lake. Flat, with pine-oak-aspen forests and open meadows. Lasso Loop (6.3 mi): Moderate hike, easy to advanced ski - Winds through pine-oak-aspen forests. Scenic overlooks of Lake Michigan. Several road crossings.
Empire Bluff Trail 3	1.5 mi 	Moderate hike - Winds through a beech-maple forest to a spectacular overlook. Wildflowers and woodland plants are abundant. For your safety and to prevent erosion, please do not descend the bluff. <i>Trailhead: Wilco Rd. off M-22.</i>

Additional trail information:



- No pets on designated ski trails from December 1 through March 31.
- Trail maps are available online, at visitor contact stations and in the *Hiking Trails* booklet published by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes. Directional arrows and difficulty levels on maps are for use by cross-country skiers. Snowshoers should not walk on top of ski tracks.
- Please leave plants, rocks, and other natural objects undisturbed for other visitors to enjoy. Do not collect ghost-forest wood, any wood on the dunes, Petosky stones, or wildflowers. Ask the rangers about which fruits, berries, and mushrooms you can pick.
- Always tell someone where you are going hiking and when you will be back.



Leelanau District



Leelanau District Trail Guide

TRAIL	ROUND TRIP	DESCRIPTION
Windy Moraine Trail 4	1.5 mi 	Moderate hike, advanced ski - A quiet trail with a view of Glen Lake from atop a hill. <i>Trail leads through beech-maple forest and old farm fields. Trailhead: Welch Rd. east of M-109.</i>
Shauger Hill Trail 5	2.4 mi 	Moderate hike, advanced ski - Includes beech-maple forest and steep hills, and crosses the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive twice. Watch for traffic at the crosswalks. In winter, the Scenic Drive is closed to vehicles for use as a cross-country ski and snowshoe trail. Watch for snowmobiles where the trail crosses Shauger Hill Rd. <i>Trailhead: parking lot near Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive entrance, M-109.</i>
Cottonwood Trail 6	1.5 mi 	Moderate - Hilly, all sand, and no shade. Leads onto the perched dunes through native grasses, shrubs, and wildflowers. Views from above the Dune Climb of D. H. Day farm and Glen Lake. Take water, sunscreen, hat, and shoes. <i>Trailhead: Stop #4 along the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, M-109.</i>
Dunes Hiking Trail 7	3.5 mi 	Strenuous - Hilly, all sand, and no shade. Travels over nine hills through the high dunes plateau to Lake Michigan. Numbered, blue-tipped posts mark the trail. It can be a hot, exhausting, three to four hour trip, punctuated only by a cool dip in Lake Michigan. Plan ahead. <i>Take water, sunscreen, hat, shoes, and a snack. Trailhead: the Dune Climb, M-109.</i>
Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail 8	22 mi 	Easy-moderate hike, ski, and bike - Hard-surfaced, multi-use trail. From the Dune Climb, the trail winds north through Glen Haven and the back loop of D. H. Day Campground into Glen Arbor past the schoolhouse in Port Oneida and on to County Road 669. From the Dune Climb south, the trail winds south through forests to the village of Empire. Mny section are great for strollers, wheelchairs, and bikes. Grades over 5% are signed. To be extended in coming years. <i>Trailheads: Bar Lake Road, Pierce Stocking, Dune Climb, Glen Haven, Alligator Hill, Crystal River, Bay View, Port Oneida.</i>
Sleeping Bear Point Trail 9	2.8 mi 	Strenuous - Hilly, all sand, and no shade. Leads onto the dunes, through a ghost forest, and overlooks Lake Michigan. Blue-tipped posts mark the trail. For a shorter option, a spur leads to Sleeping Bear Point from which you can follow the beach back to the Maritime Museum and trailhead. Plan ahead. Take water, sunscreen, hat, shoes, and a snack. <i>Trailhead: end of Sleeping Bear Dunes Rd. off of M-209, west of Maritime Museum.</i>
Alligator Hill Trail 10	3 - 8 mi 	All three loops lead through a beech-maple forest to a bench which overlooks Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands. A 1.6 mile spur takes you along the ridge to the Glen Lake overlook. Only trail upon which horse use is allowed. <i>Trailhead: east of D. H. Day Campground, off Stocking Rd. near its intersection with Day Farm Rd.</i> Easy hike and ski loop: 3 mi, 4.6 mi with spur. Moderate hike, intermediate ski loop: 4.7 mi, 6.3 mi with spur is currently closed Moderate hike, advanced ski loop: 4.6 mi, 6.2 mi with spur
Bay View Trail 11	2.4-7.5 mi 	Provides views of Lake Michigan and the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. Several loops of different lengths and difficulties. <i>Trailhead: off Thoreson Rd. near M-22.</i> Farm Loop (2.4 miles): Easy hike and ski - Wanders through farms and fields and by an historic schoolhouse to Lookout Point. Ridge Loop (4 miles): Moderate hike, advanced ski - The lower part of the trail leads through fields and forest. The higher part of the trail follows the ridge for views of Lake Michigan.
Pyramid Point Trail 12	1.2 - 2.7 mi 	Moderate - To the bluff and back is 1.2 miles. Climbing a steep hill, it provides an overlook of Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands. For your safety and to prevent erosion, please do not descend the bluff. The entire loop trail is 2.7 miles and follows a portion of Basch Rd. <i>Trailhead: off Basch Rd.; follow Port Oneida Rd. north from M-22.</i>
Good Harbor Bay Trail 13	2.8 mi 	Easy hike and ski - A flat loop trail through woods and wetlands. <i>Trailhead: off Lake Michigan Rd.; take CR 669 north from M-22; follow Lake Michigan Rd. east.</i>

See page 9 for additional trail information.



Glen Haven Historic Village

Step into the colorful past in this company-owned steamboat stop that operated from 1865 until 1931. Sleeping Bearville, as it was originally called, was a natural harbor sought out by steamships sailing between Chicago and

Buffalo. Learn more about area history when you visit the restored General Store and Blacksmith Shop. Picnic area with grills and flush toilets is available. *M-209, 7 miles north of Empire*

Glen Haven General Store

Treat someone to old-fashioned candy at the historic General Store, restored to appear as it did in the 1920s. Built in 1867 as a company store, it provided goods for workers. Lumber baron David Henry Day came to work in Glen Haven in 1878 and never left. Learn about his legacy in the exhibit hall and see his office at the back of the store. Today, the General Store carries merchandise and items related to the history of Glen Haven, including kitchenware, food, toys, and books.

Memorial Day weekend through June, Open 12-5, Fri, Sat, & Sun only. July 1-Labor Day, Open 12-5 daily



Cannery Boat Museum

What was once a cherry and apple cannery now houses a collection of historic Great Lakes vessels, including boats, motors, and equipment. Volunteers provide short interpretive talks and answer your questions. Outside, pilings from Glen Haven's dock stretch into Sleeping Bear Bay. A sand-accessible wheelchair is available.

Open 11-5 daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Port Oneida Rural Historic District

With buzzing bees, chirping grasshoppers, sun-warmed wood planks, and the cool, dark shade of 100-year-old barns, Port Oneida farmsteads showcase houses and fields passed down from generation to generation. Check out Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear's exhibit at the Charles Olsen Farm and learn about Port Oneida and life on the farm. Visit www.phsb.org for hours.



The Good Ship *Aloha*

Built in 1937 to handle gill nets, *Aloha* spent her days navigating deep Lake Michigan. Now conveniently "docked" next to the new viewing ramp north of the Cannery Boat Museum in Glen Haven, visitors can visit *Aloha* at water level and look inside.

Maritime Museum

Tour the crew quarters and boathouse at the Maritime Museum at Sleeping Bear Point. Exhibits highlight the U.S. Life-Saving Service and Great Lakes shipping history. Short interpretive talks are given throughout the day.

Heroes of the Storm, daily, 3:00 p.m.

Join rangers as they demonstrate an U.S.L.S.S rescue and, on Thursdays, fire the Lyle Gun.

A sand-accessible wheelchair and public restrooms are available.

Open 11-5 daily, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.



Park Partners

Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes

The Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes was founded in 1994 as a volunteer, nonprofit organization helping to protect resources and heighten visitor experiences. This friends group obtains grants and donations from individuals, companies, and other organizations for a variety of interesting projects and park support. Look for their publications in park bookstores, available by donation. For more information and/or to join, visit www.friendsofsleepingbear.org.

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear

Since 1998, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has helped preserve and interpret the rich pioneer and maritime heritage of the park—maritime buildings, one-room schoolhouses, log cabins, inns, and farmsteads—including on the Manitou Islands. Members, donors, and grantors, support our preservation work by our volunteer HistoriCrew and contractors. Our interpretive programs, tours, and exhibit share the history. Visit www.phsb.org for Olsen Farm exhibit hours.

Manitou Islands Memorial Society

The mission of the Manitou Islands Memorial Society (MIMS) is to preserve and interpret the history and cultural resources of North and South Manitou Islands. Members are involved in research, fundraising, hands-on maintenance and preservation projects, and interpretation initiatives. For more information visit www.manitouislandsmemorialsociety.org.



Ranger-Led Activities

Help us celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service by joining in our guided activities! Hike through the dunes, paddle through crystal-clear waters, participate in a simulated shipwreck rescue, or just sit under the trees and listen to an evening program—there are so many ways to Find Your Park.

Guided activities will be offered daily throughout the summer, including special Centennial events. Pick up a program flyer at the visitor center or campground offices, or visit the website (www.nps.gov/slbe). Call 231-326-4700 ext. 5010 for more information.

Please arrive a few minutes before the activity is scheduled to begin. Water, sunscreen, bug spray, and appropriate footwear recommended. Check out our Centennial Events section on page 19 for our special birthday events.

There will be no ranger-led programs in other parts of the park during the Port Oneida Fair.

Join us and find your adventure!

Make a Difference



In 2015, 2079 Volunteers-In-Park (VIPs) donated almost 58,000 hours at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. VIPs staffed visitor centers and museums, acted as campground hosts, monitored piping plovers, maintained and renovated trails and historic buildings, removed invasive plants, and much more. You, too, can help care for your national parks. For more information, contact the volunteer coordinator at 231-326-4729 or matthew_mohrman@nps.gov.

Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive

Dune Ecology

To survive in the dunes is no easy task. Flora and fauna deal with strong sunlight, poor soils, and constant winds. The wind action alone can dry out plants, expose root systems, or even completely bury vegetation, including trees.

Leaving the Sand Dunes

Before you enter the neighboring forest, notice a great example of wind action that has been threatening the stability of a basswood tree across the road. If you were that tree, how much longer do you think you could keep your balance and stay standing?

Beech-Maple Forest

Moving from the open, sunny environment of the dunes to the cool, lush shade of the woods is a startling contrast. Sugar maples and American beech are the predominant trees, but in addition to them, a variety of shrubs and flowers fill the forest. Coyotes, deer, bobcats, squirrels, and birds find more food and shelter here than in the dunes.

Changes Over Time

Scientists describe the landscape here after the last glaciers melted more than 11,800 years ago as one of sand, rocks, and gravel stretching miles in every direction. Hills and grooves were carved by ice. Over the years, plants, animals, and minerals have transformed the once sterile ground into the productive, fertile woods of today.

Lake Michigan Overlook

Standing on this platform, about 450 feet above the lake, you are afforded one of the most magnificent views in all of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore! If the visibility is good, you will see South Manitou Island 10 miles to the northwest. That is Empire Bluffs just four miles to the south and Platte Bay just beyond that. Wisconsin is 54 miles due west, but thanks to the curvature of the earth, you will not see any "cheeseheads" waving back at you!

The vast majority of visitors take in the view from atop the bluff and don't risk erosion, injury, and rescue fees by going down—not to mention the hour or two it takes to climb up!

Sleeping Bear Dune Overlook

The iconic landform that gave this national park its name and for which the legend is told lies about one mile away, along the edge of the bluff. It hardly looks like a sleeping bear anymore, for over time, those persistent winds have eroded the bump on the bluff. You may be able to distinguish some skeletons of dead trees within the blow-out in the dune. They are part of a ghost forest whose existence tells a story of alternating stability and suppression.

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Cottonwood Trail

Grab some water, a hat, and sunscreen before heading out on this 1.5 mile loop through the dunes. It may feel strenuous because you will be walking in a lot of sand, but take your time and explore a world of plants and animals that survive in a challenging world dominated by wind.

Dune Overlook

You are standing in the middle of an approximately four square-mile (2600 acres) area called the Sleeping Bear Dunes complex. While a relatively small area, there is incredible diversity around you. This high plateau gently dips to the lakeshore to the north and Sleeping Bear Bay. However, to the east, the dunes rise dramatically, almost straight up from the water.

Glen Lake

Two for the price of one! Divided by the M-22 causeway (visible in the distance), Big Glen Lake reaches 130 feet deep in places, while Little Glen (closest to you) is only 12 feet deep. Different shades of blue indicate lake levels. The long ridge running along the north side of Little Glen is called Alligator Hill. Can you see the creature's snout down by the bridge?

Covered Bridge

Have you ever seen a covered bridge with the National Park Service arrowhead on it? The original one, built by Mr. Pierce Stocking for his scenic drive, did not boast the symbol, of course. He just wanted to provide a picturesque detail for sightseers to stop and photograph. Please enjoy!

Pine Plantation

In many places in the park, rows of pines were planted where the original mixed hardwood forest had been harvested. Red pines were commonly planted for their uniformity, wood properties, and relative freedom from insects and disease. National Park Service biologists gradually thin the plantations to restore a more healthy forest that is diverse in species and ages of trees.

North Bar Lake

Just below this overlook is a rare type of geologic remnant. The calm, beautiful North Bar Lake is in transition. Once a bay of Lake Michigan, its name describes how it is slowly closing itself off as the sand bar along its west side continues to build up. Compare it to South Bar Lake in Empire which no longer has an open channel to the big lake.

The Manitou Islands



South Manitou Island

No place offers a more complete sense of the National Lakeshore than South Manitou Island. Catch a passenger ferry for a day trip or camping excursion. The island preserves beaches, giant cedars, shipwrecks, and historic farms far from the rush of the mainland. Join a motor tour of the island. Climb the lighthouse stairs for grand views across Lake Michigan. Take everything you need (food and camping equipment) as no services are available on the island. Supplies are available in Leland.

North Manitou Island

For a true wilderness experience, backpack on North Manitou Island. Visitors pass through the historic U.S. Life-Saving Service village before entering nearly 15,000 acres of undeveloped forests, fields, and beaches. Visits emphasize solitude and self-reliance. Plan well. No services are available. As you must stay overnight, take all your camping needs. Because of nesting piping plover, some beach areas may be closed May-August.



Getting to South and North Manitou Islands

Ferry service to the Manitou Islands changes with the seasons. Contact Manitou Island Transit for reservations and schedules. A national park entrance pass is required to visit the islands. A backcountry permit is also required for campers. Passes and permits are available at the Leland Harbor office before ferry boarding and at the visitor center in Empire. Leland is 27 miles (45 minutes) north of Empire on M-22.

Manitou Island Transit also offers two island tours. See page 5 for more information.

231-256-9061
www.manitoutransit.com

Beaches, Beaches and More Beaches

Let your bare feet guide you along the mainland's many sandy beaches. There are no concessions, so pack a picnic and your sunscreen.

Fires are permitted on mainland Lake Michigan beaches between the water's edge and where the dunes begin, and away from any vegetation. Please help protect our forests from pests and disease and purchase firewood from park-approved vendors; see page 6 for more information.

A park entrance pass is required for any use of the National Lakeshore and is available at numerous locations throughout the park. The following beaches have vault toilets unless noted.

Platte Point Beach features the Platte River outlet where warmer water enters Lake Michigan. Accessible flush toilets are provided. Please note that a section of the shoreline is sometimes closed to protect nesting piping plovers. Regardless of where you park, an entrance pass is required to use the National Lakeshore. A separate township fee is required to use the adjacent township park and picnic area.

🚫 No pets allowed

At the end of Lake Michigan Rd. Off M-22, 12 miles south of Empire



Piping Plover Update

In 2015, there were 75 breeding pairs in the entire Great Lakes piping plover population; 28 of those were within the National Lakeshore.

The plover population remains highly vulnerable to losses. Adults, eggs, and chicks are at risk from dog and human encroachment into nesting areas. Please help us protect these special birds by keeping dogs on a leash and obeying all beach closure signs.

For more information, download a informational flier at www.nps.gov/slbe/playourvisit/upload/Piping_Plover.pdf

Peterson Beach has a boardwalk crossing the low dunes from the parking lot to the beach. It's a quiet stretch of sand with wide vistas of Empire Bluff to the north and Platte River Point to the south.

🐾 Leashed pets are allowed to the left of the boardwalk (as you approach the beach).

🚫 No pets are allowed to the right of the boardwalk

At the end of Peterson Rd. Off M-22, 11 miles south of Empire

Esch Beach, also called Otter Creek Beach, is another popular swimming area. The shore to the south is divided by the shallow outlet of Otter Creek.

🐾 Leashed pets are allowed to the right of Esch Rd. when facing the water.

🚫 No pets are allowed to the left of Esch Rd.

At the end of Esch Rd.

Off M-22, 5 miles south of Empire

North Bar Lake is a popular spot. This warmer lake connects to Lake Michigan and its beaches. Some areas have experienced severe dune erosion and are closed for restoration. Please obey closure signs.

🚫 No pets allowed.

At the end of LaRohr Rd. From Empire, take M-22 north, left on Voice Rd., right on Bar Lake Rd., left on LaRohr Rd.

Glen Haven Beach is on Sleeping Bear Bay. Views look west past the Maritime Museum to Sleeping Bear Point, north to the Manitou Islands, and east to Glen Arbor and Pyramid Point. Please note that a section of the shoreline is sometimes closed to protect nesting piping plovers. Adjacent picnic area with grills and nearby flush toilets are provided.

🐾 Leashed pets are allowed to the right of the Maritime Museum when facing the water to all the way past the Cannery and D. H. Day Campground.

🚫 No pets are allowed on the Maritime Museum grounds.

M-209, 7 miles north of Empire

Have fun, be safe, care for our beaches...

Remember, all beaches are unguarded. Swim at your own risk.

Extinguish ALL beach fires with water. DO NOT bury fires—hidden embers could burn unsuspecting bare feet!

Don't bring glass to the beach. For your safety, glass containers are prohibited on beaches, waterways, and dune areas.

Dispose of diapers properly and help protect water quality, wildlife, and other visitors.

Beaches may be temporarily closed to pets during piping plover nesting season.





County Road 669 Beach is on Good Harbor Bay. To the west, view Pyramid Point; to the north, the Whaleback and North Manitou Island. The Fox Islands may be visible on a clear day. Shalda Creek empties into Lake Michigan to the west of the parking area. Lake Michigan Rd. parallels the bay for several miles. Follow it east to a pleasant shoreline picnic area and the Good Harbor Bay trailhead (#13). Please note that a section of the shoreline is sometimes closed to protect nesting piping plovers.

🐾 Leashed pets are allowed to the left of CR 669 when facing the water

🚫 No pets are allowed to the right of CR 669.

At the end of CR 669 (Bohemian Rd.). Off M-22, 18 miles north of Empire

County Road 651 Beach features wonderful sunset views on Good Harbor Bay. To the west, view Pyramid Point and to the north, the Whaleback and North Manitou Island. The Fox Islands may be visible on a clear day.

🐾 Leashed pets are allowed to the right of CR 651 when facing the water.

🚫 No pets are allowed to the right of CR 651.

At the end of CR 651 (Good Harbor Tr.). Off M-22, 12 miles north of Glen Arbor

... and take your butts with you!

Cigarette butts are litter—the most common litter found on our beaches. Not only are cigarette butts unsightly, they contain chemicals—cadmium, lead, arsenic and nicotine—which leach into the water. Cigarette filters can also find their way into the mouths of small children and wildlife.

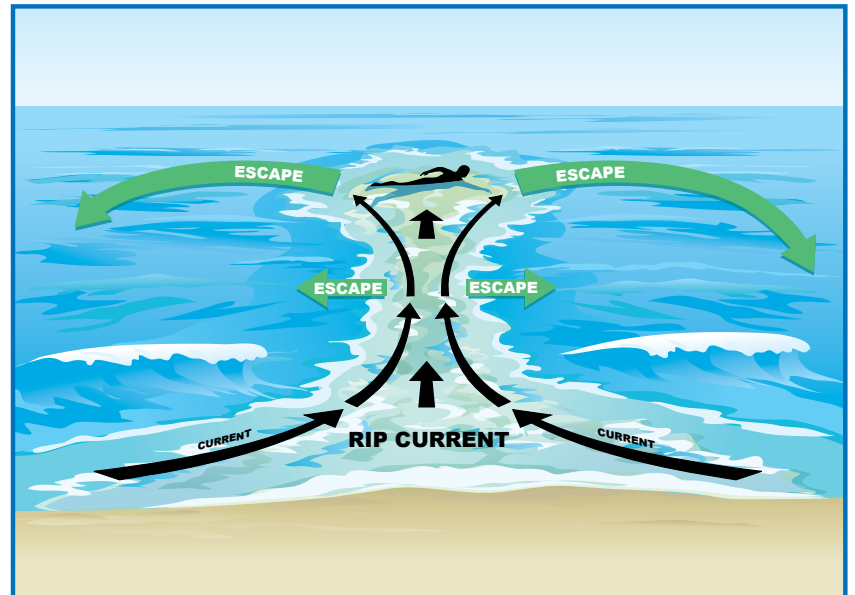
So when you leave the beach, be sure you haven't left your butts behind!

Keep your dog on a leash! Pets running on the beach cause the adult plovers to run from their nests and chicks, leaving the young vulnerable to predators.

Dangerous Currents

Lake Michigan is a wonderful place to enjoy the beach and wade or swim—if you are careful. Swimming in Lake Michigan is not the same as swimming in a pool or small lake. Wind, waves, the slope of the beach, and other factors can cause dangerous currents to be present.

Although they are not common, rip currents are dangerous and can occur at any beach with breaking waves. These powerful currents move away from shore and are capable of overcoming even the strongest swimmer. The most common mistake of those caught in a rip current is to panic and attempt to swim directly back toward the shore. Although rip currents can pull a swimmer away from the shore, they don't pull you under water.



What to do if caught in a rip current:

- Remain calm. Remember, it will not pull you under.
- Swim parallel to the shore until you break free, then swim diagonally toward the shore.
- If you cannot swim out of the current, float until it weakens, then swim diagonally toward the shore.
- Summon help by waving your hands.

If someone else is caught in a rip current—yell directions on how to escape, throw the victim something that floats, and call 911.

Remember, Lake Michigan conditions can change quickly. Know what to expect before you go in the water. Tune in to NOAA weather radio, and monitor websites (National Weather Service, Gaylord Office) for updated weather and Lake Michigan surf conditions during your visit.

For more information on rip currents, check the website at <http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov>.



Winter Activities

Explore the colors of winter. Blue-gray ice sheets sculpt the shoreline and leafless oak, beech, and maple trees reveal overlooks shrouded the rest of the year. Winter creates a quiet and rarely witnessed landscape.

Ski the trails. Easy, intermediate, and advanced trails exist. The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail is groomed for skate or classic skiing. The other trails are not groomed, but are frequently tracked. Ask about a ski trail guide or see pages 9 and 11.

Snowshoe anywhere. When following marked trails, please avoid trampling established ski tracks by snowshoeing beside them, not on them.

Weekend snowshoe hikes. In January and February, rangers lead free introductory snow-

shoe hikes on Saturdays. Meet at the visitor center at 1:00 p.m. The park provides snowshoes free of charge. They are limited; call ahead for reservations 231-326-4700.

Ice fish the inland lakes. State of Michigan licenses and regulations apply. A free permit for powered ice augers is required. Anglers are reminded to dress warmly, use the buddy system, always wear a life jacket, and use caution when traveling across any ice.

Please exercise caution! The Lakeshore offers fascinating winter activities, but freezing temperatures, as well as slippery and unstable surfaces, create hazards. Ice formations along the Lake Michigan shoreline may be tempting to explore but are dangerous.



Biking

Biking is allowed on public roads or the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail but not on any other park trails.

Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail: easy to moderate. This hard-surfaced, multi-use trail runs almost 22 miles between Empire and County Road 669, connecting to park attractions and the town of Glen Arbor along the way. Park your car and use your bike to get around! Lauded as one of the most beautiful bike trails in the nation, it offers both hilly and flat sections, many suitable for even the youngest children. Visit sbhtmap.org for more.

Port Oneida Rural Historic District: easy. These quiet country roads, a mix of gravel and pavement, wind between farms, barns, and wetlands. Purchase an area brochure at the visitor center.

Platte Plains Roads: moderate. Close to the Platte River Campground. Use these back roads to experience nature away from the highway.

Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive: strenuous. For experienced bicyclists only. This 7.5 mile loop, with heavy summer traffic and steep hills, provides overlooks of Lake Michigan and the dunes.

You can rent bicycles in Glen Arbor and Empire.


Half the Park is After Dark

If people sat outside and looked at the stars each night, I'll bet they'd live a lot differently."

-Bill Watterson, *Calvin and Hobbes*

National parks protect nature, history, and scenery. They also protect our night skies: the starry, starry nights and natural darkness often found in national parks allow jewels of the heavens to shine brightly. So dream for yourself! Get out and spend an evening under the stars and see the nighttime wonders of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. You might just become starstruck!

And, if you like, please join us for a Star Party. Monthly guided explorations of the sky above us are hosted by the park and the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society (GTAS). GTAS members set up multiple telescopes for all to use and offer a chance to take in the stars, planets, sun, meteor showers, and milky way. Check the schedule of events on the next page for dates or www.nps.gov/slbe for more information.

Sky Watch	DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	FULL MOON
	May 1	6:34 am EDT	8:49 pm EDT	May 21
	May 15	6:16 am	9:06 pm	June 20
	June 1	6:01 am	9:23 pm	July 19
	June 15	5:58 am	9:32 pm	August 18
	July 1	6:02 am	9:34 pm	September 16
	July 15	6:13 am	9:28 pm	October 16
	August 1	6:30 am	9:11 pm	November 14
	August 15	6:46 am	8:51 pm	December 25
	September 1	7:07 am	8:22 pm	April 22, 2016
	September 15	7:23 am	7:56 pm	
	October 1	7:42 am	7:26 pm	
	October 15	8:00 am	7:00 pm	
	November 1	8:22 am	6:33 pm	
	November 15	7:41 am EST	5:16 pm EST	
	December 1	8:02 am	5:05 pm	
	December 15	8:15 am	5:04 pm	
	April 1, 2017	7:25 am EDT	8:11 pm EDT	
	April 15, 2017	7:00 am	8:29 pm	

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APPLEFEST	TBD
STAR PARTY	21
BEACH PATROL	TBD

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Pets in the Park

Pet Friendly Lake Michigan Beaches

Leashed pets are allowed on these beaches:

- From Platte River Campground / Railroad Grade trail north to Peterson Road.
- From Esch Road north to the Lakeshore boundary (south of Empire).
- From Peterson Road south to Old Railroad Grade Trail/Platte Campground Trail.
- From the Lakeshore boundary north of Empire to just south of the North Bar Lake stream outlet.
- From the Maritime Museum east (but not on the Maritime Museum grounds) to the Lakeshore boundary (west of Glen Arbor).
- From the Lakeshore boundary north of Glen Arbor around Pyramid Point to CR 669.
- From CR 651 north to the Lakeshore northern boundary.
- Glen Lake Picnic Area.



No Pet Zones

Dune Climb, Maritime Museum grounds, North Bar Lake, Platte Point Beach, group campsites, backcountry campsites, North and South Manitou Islands, and other areas where posted. Pets are not allowed on designated ski trails (Trails #1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13) from December 1 to March 31.

Beaches may be temporarily closed to pets during piping plover nesting season.

Pet Rules

- Pets must be controlled on a six-foot leash.
- Pets may not be left unattended or tied to an object.
- Do not allow your pet to make unreasonable noise.
- Clean up after your pet and dispose of waste in trash receptacles.
- Keep your pet from interacting with wildlife or disturbing park visitors.

- **NO pets allowed**
- **Pets allowed**

Let your phone be your guide

Check out these apps and websites:

SBHT map: sbhtmap.org
Trail map: [Experience 231](#)

Also visit the app store for iPhone or Android and discover many more visit-enriching apps for Sleeping Bear Dunes and the National Park Service.

Find us with your GPS . . .

Visitor Center

9922 Front Street, Empire, MI 49630

Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive

8500 Stocking Drive, Empire, MI 49630

Dune Climb

6748 Dune Hwy (M-109), Glen Arbor, MI 49636

Maritime Museum

8799 Sleeping Bear Road, Glen Arbor, MI 49636

Platte River Campground

5685 Lake Michigan Road, Honor, MI 49640

D. H. Day Campground

8010 West Harbor Hwy. (M-109), Glen Arbor, MI 49636



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Watch us: [www.youtube.com, search for SleepingBearDunesNPS](https://www.youtube.com/search?q=SleepingBearDunesNPS)



Become a Junior Ranger!

Explore the secrets of the Lakeshore as you seek answers for your Junior Ranger book (free at park stores and campground offices). Children of all ages enjoy these fun and challenging activities. The book lists the steps you must complete to earn a Junior Ranger badge and/or patch. In order to earn your Junior Ranger status, return to the visitor center, a campground office, or any ranger-led activity to review your answers with a ranger and take the official oath.

And check out the Centennial Junior Book.

Explore!

Learn!

Protect!

NO DRONE ZONE

Launching, landing or operating unmanned aircraft in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent. 36 CFR §1.5